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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, PFOR, GW
SUBJECT: UNGA: FRG INITIATIVE ON HOSTAGES

1. FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER
PERSONALLY DECIDED TO COMPROMISE ON LANGUAGE OF GERMAN
INITIATIVE AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES JUST PRIOR TO
HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE NATO MINISTERIAL. SPECIFICALLY,
HE AGREED TO DELETE THE COMMITMENT TO PROSECUTE OR
EXTRADITE ANYONE WHO TAKES HOSTAGES FROM THE LANGUAGE
OF THE GERMAN DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. GENSCHER AUTHORIZED THIS COMPRMISE ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF HIS UN EXPERTS. THEY BELIEVE THAT NO
OTHER COMPROMISE ON IMPORTANT POINTS WILL BE NEEDED TO
OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. THIS
CONSIDERATION APPLIES MOST PARTICULARLY TO THE
LIBYAN PROPOSAL OF MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN TYPES
OF HOSTAGES, A PROPOSAL GENSCHER SAYS HE WILL NOT
ACCEPT.

3. ANOTHER FACTOR IN GENSCHER'S DECISION WAS INFOR-
MATION THAT USUN HAD ADVISED FRG DEL TO ACCEPT COM-
PROMISE. FONOFF ASKED THAT WE REPORT ITS GRATITUDE FOR
THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM USUN, AND THAT WE
TRANSMIT ITS REQUEST FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM
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USUN THROUGH THE NEXT FEW CRITICAL DAYS.

4. COMMENT: THE FONOFF HAD SAID IN BACKGROUNDERS ON
DECEMBER 4 THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT COMPROMISE ON EITHER
THE POINT OF MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HOSTAGES OR
ON THE COMMITMENT TO PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE. IT IS
CLEAR THAT THE FONOFF HAS NOW COMPROMISED ON THE LATTER
POINT IN THE BELIEF THAT THIS MOVE WILL SECURE
APPROVAL OF THE FRG'S INITIATIVE. THE UN OFFICE HERE
THINKS IT WILL BE CLOSE AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED
SUPPORT FROM USUN.
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